

children described as a “kid at heart.” A man who loved music, Christmas lights, and the old car which he used to give rides to students and take his family on road trips.

“Chief” Wilson never met a stranger, and he remembered his students when he crossed paths with them years later. A faithful member of Washington Shores Presbyterian Church, a homeowner in the Washington Shores community for over 50 years, and a charter member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., his roots were deep.

He will be missed by all. But I know that his positive influence will live on in his students, his program, and his incredible legacy for years to come.

RECOGNIZING SERGEANT WILLIAM M. BAYS

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Sergeant William M. Bays, a beloved father and respected American hero who lost his life on June 10, 2017.

Born October 17, 1987, in Barstow, California, Sergeant Bays valiantly rose through the ranks since enlisting in the United States Army in 2009, eventually serving as a squad leader with D Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division.

Sergeant Bays' reputation of steadfast selflessness, along with the numerous awards he earned for his service—including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart—are evidence of his relentless dedication to safeguarding our nation's freedoms and values. His patriotic spirit and dedication to his country were rivaled only by his fervent commitment to his family and his enthusiasm for serving others.

I join with his family and loved ones—including his wife, Jasmin Bays, his children, and his extended family—in celebrating his accomplishments and recognizing his noble service to our nation. His outstanding legacy of patriotism and compassion lives on in each member of his family and in all those who knew him.

I am grateful for the Kentucky General Assembly's dedication of this roadway in the 1st District of Kentucky, as it will serve as a testament to his extraordinary sacrifice, which is worthy of our deepest respect and admiration.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent from the chamber on Thursday, December 20, 2018. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on roll call votes 448, 455, 461, 466, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, and 482. I would have voted “nay” on roll call vote 467.

Specifically, for roll call vote 448, the First Step Act, I would have voted “yea” enthusiastically in support of this legislation. Despite

my delay in making it to the House floor, I would have supported this legislation due to the reforming of decades old policies that have plagued our criminal justice system.

HONORING CHIEF MICHAEL DONOVAN

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Michael Donovan's forty-two years of service in California Law Enforcement.

Chief Donovan was born in Oceanside, California in 1961 and has dedicated his life to public service. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources Management and his Master's Degree in Business Administration in 1989, both from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. His commitment to public service and law enforcement has made all the communities he has served, including our community of Napa, California, a safer and better place to live.

Over the course of his career, Chief Donovan has served in many different law enforcement capacities. He was a police officer at the Sierra Madre Police Department, an Investigator at the Baldwin Park Police Department and the Assistant Chief Investigator, and later Chief Investigator, at the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office. Since 2011, Chief Donovan has served as the Chief Investigator at the Napa County District Attorney's Office. Chief Donovan is active in the law enforcement community. He currently sits on the California District Attorney Investigators' Association Board of Directors as the Treasurer and Chair of the Training Committee. He also serves on the California District Attorneys' Association Legislative Committee. Additionally, Chief Donovan is an active member in the local Napa Rotary Club and volunteers at many Rotary Club sponsored events.

Chief Donovan has remained dedicated and motivated throughout his long career in law enforcement and public service. He is always willing to take on difficult projects and help others in the office. He draws on his depth of knowledge and experience in his profession to help others in his field. Mr. Speaker, it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, on December 19, 2018 and December 20, 2018 I was absent for several roll call votes in order to attend the funeral of a family member. Had I been present I would have voted in the following manner.

Roll Call 437 Yea; Roll Call 438, the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimers Act Yea; Roll Call 439 Yea; Roll Call 440 Yea; Roll Call 441 Yea; Roll Call 442 Yea; Roll Call 443 Yea; Roll Call 444 Yea; Roll Call 445 Yea; Roll Call 446 No; Roll Call 447 No; Roll Call 448 the

First Step Act of 2018 Yea; Roll Call 449 Yea; Roll Call 450 Yea; Roll Call 451 Yea; Roll Call 452 Yea; Roll Call 453 the Victims of Child Abuse Act Reauthorization Act Yea; Roll Call 454 Yea; Roll Call 455 Yea; Roll Call 456 Yea; Roll Call 457 Yea; Roll Call 458 Yea; Roll Call 459 Yea; Roll Call 460 Yea; Roll Call 461 Yea; Roll Call 462 Yea; Roll Call 463 Yea; Roll Call 464 Yea; Roll Call 465 Yea; Roll Call 466 Yea; Roll Call 467 No; and Roll Call 468 No.

THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DAVID FATTAH, SR.

HON. DWIGHT EVANS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an influential and dedicated man from Philadelphia, David Fattah, Sr., a devoted servant of the community and his family. Mr. Fattah passed away on December 5, 2018. I'd like to include in the RECORD the eulogy delivered by Ralph E. Blanks, Interim Pastor of Vine Memorial Baptist Church in West Philadelphia.

“David Fattah, Senior has written the autobiography of his life. Today, we have read selected excerpts and pages from his life story. What a life extraordinaire as he and his beloved soulmate, Queen Mother Falaka Fattah made a difference in the lives of countless boys and girls thru the House of Umoja. Umoja, a Swahili word that means to strive and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race. The opposite of unity is division and division is one of the weapons the devil has used for ages to divide us mentally, physically, and spiritually. This is why a race divided against itself cannot stand. The more united we are, the stronger we become. The more divided we are, the weaker we become. Today, David Fattah's life reminds us to do all things necessary to unite and stay united. If we don't do it, it won't get done!! There are some things that only we can do for us, by us, with us and to us!!!!

Hear the words of the Lord speaking to us for this time as recorded in the book of the Prophet Isaiah chapter 58 verses 10,11,12:

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations, you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the streets to dwell in.

Councilman Curtis Jones, Jr. tells of a time when two street gangs were about to go to war and David drove up in a banged up, beat up police cruiser. Jumped out and stood in the gap between the two gangs and carried out shuttle diplomacy in the “hood”.

A husband, father, grandfather, patriarch, social engineer, community activist and today we add “restorer” to describe David.

Restore means to bring back into existence; to use or reestablish; to bring back to a state of health, soundness or vigor. The communities and neighborhoods are calling out for someone like David to stand in the gap and restore civility, bring back respect,

reestablish order and common sense which ain't very common these days.

David was a restorer of life because his life pointed people to the life of Jesus. That's what it means to be a restorer of life. Your life points people to the ultimate restorer of life, Jesus Christ.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the soul of the oppressed, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your night will become like the noonday.

Notice the Lord does not say, if you give the hungry some food, but rather He says if you give yourself!!! It's easy to give folk some food, but to give up your house, your comforts, your privacy, your money, your clothes, your space....., your living room/dining room becomes the meeting room, the gathering room, the prayer room filled with desks, chairs, computers and other office equipment.

Jesus said, if you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. Mark 8:35

Folks are just as hungry today as they were 45 years ago—physically hungry, mentally hungry, spiritually hungry; hungry for love, hungry for acceptance, hungry for family, hungry for a sense of home and belonging.

If you are generous, extravagant with the down and out, your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in the sunlight. Listen to what the Lord says He will do in your life when you pour out, give extravagantly to the last, the least, the lost, the struggling.....

.....I will always show you where to go, I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places, firm muscles, strong bones. You'll be a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past, you'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

Who will stand in the gap? Who will be known as the restorers of the streets, of the community? Will you make a commitment today? Then sign off on the Imani Pledge that Queen Mother and David developed:

Whereas over 44 years ago in 1974, the youth in the City of Philadelphia took the bold step forward to ensure that following generations would not have to experience the self-destruction and agony of gang warfare. We honor them for this and for keeping their word.

Whereas in as much as our ancestors, parents, teachers, caregivers, elder community members and others that have shed blood that we might acquire an education. We give our word to refrain from fighting during school, after school and inside school, and we encourage those that we know to do the same.

Whereas we too are a generation that is proud and want to succeed. On this day, I sign this document to let it be known wherever it needs to be known that I care deeply about our community and will do all in my power to return us to our traditional greatness. Let my word be my bond. In honor of David Fattah, Sr., I pledge to stand in the gap as a restorer of the streets and communities.

Some of you are asking right now: pastor, are you asking me to sign up for another social justice movement. In Jesus' church, there can be no separation between the cross and social justice. There is no separation in Scripture between the two—no pain no gain, no cross no crown!!!!

Jesus said in Matthew 25:

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.

There is no separation between the cross and social justice. If we go into the neighborhood and live out the gospel—two things will happen. People and places will change. We are called to be restorers of life and of the streets.

David Fattah, husband, father, community activist, restorer of the streets was called from earthly labors to heavenly reward the other day. The heart that gave so much to so many just stopped!!! But the Creator said I've got a new heart for you over in Gloryland!!!! David is done with the troubles of this world, he has gone home to be with His God!!! No more crying, weeping and wailing, no more sickness, heartache or break. He's done with the troubles of the world.

Listen as David speaks parting words:

Do not stand at my grave and weep for me, I am not there. I do not sleep!!! I am every boy and girl fighting for life. I am every parent struggling with rebellious kids! I am every teacher demanding your best. I am standing in the gap connecting warring factions. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.

If I can do my duty as a good man ought

If I can bring back beauty to a world up wrought

If I can spread love's message as the Master taught

Then my living shall not be in vain
David Fattah, Sr., husband, father, grandfather, patriarch, social engineer, restorer of the streets and community has done his work, has sung his song, now he has gone home where he belongs!!!! To God be The Glory!!!!!!

The 2nd Congressional District of Pennsylvania extends gratitude to David Fattah, Sr. for his dedicated support and service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

HONORING SHERIFF JOHN TURNER

HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of John Turner, Sheriff of Walla Walla County. John is retiring as Sheriff of Walla Walla County on December 31, 2018, after serving as Sheriff since 2011.

John first became a member of law enforcement after joining the Manhattan Beach, California police department in 1984, followed by a sixteen-year stint with the Los Angeles Police Department. After a stint outside of law enforcement, John was elected Sheriff of Walla Walla County in 2011, and won reelection to that position in 2014. With his election, John became the 32nd Sheriff of Walla Walla County since its founding in 1859. Aside from his work with various law enforcement agencies, John is a graduate of both the University of Southern California, and Southwestern University School of Law, where he received a Juris Doctorate degree in 1996.

During his time as Sheriff, John has been recognized both in Washington State and

throughout the nation. He has been named an Executive Board Member of the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs, served as a Commissioner of the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, and has been nominated for the Ferris E. Lucas Award for National Sheriff of the Year. John has also been an active member of the Walla Walla community, participating in the Walla Walla Noon Rotary Club and as an active member at Blue Mountain Community Church.

John's work on behalf of Walla Walla County will be remembered by all, but especially by his colleagues in the Sheriff's office, who appreciate his work in turning the sheriff's office into a high quality, well respected law enforcement agency.

I appreciate John's work on behalf of the Sheriff's office and of Walla Walla County and the honorable role he filled as Sheriff. I wish him the best in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was held up by Committee business.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on Roll Call No. 449 and "yea" on Roll Call No. 456.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF BETSY WRIGHT AND COMMEMORATING HER DEDICATION TO THE CHAUTAUQUA MEDICAL COMMUNITY

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 2018

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the service of Betsy Wright to UPMC Chautauqua, formerly WCA Hospital, and congratulate her on her retirement.

For the last twenty years, Betsy Wright has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of UPMC Chautauqua. Her dedicated service has ensured the high levels of employee engagement and community support that the hospital enjoys today.

With more than thirty-five years in the healthcare industry, Betsy's insight is highly respected by the New York State Department of Health, the Office of Mental Health, and the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. Policy makers at all levels of healthcare know Betsy for her tireless work to improve care of patients in the community.

Betsy's leadership in the healthcare community does not end with UPMC Chautauqua. She also is a member of the executive committee of the Healthcare Association of New York State and a past Regent of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Throughout her career, Betsy has been recognized many times by Buffalo Business First as one of "Western New York's Most Influential People".

As Betsy moves forward with the next chapter of her life, we applaud her tireless effort to improve the quality of healthcare for the citizens of Chautauqua County and we wish her all the best in her retirement.